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CAZADERO BECKONS

On June 12 the long-awaited pilgrimage to Cazadero will begin, as youth and adults invade that quiet mountain retreat, to take home with them some of its peace and beauty. In a dozen one-week camps, from June to September, all ages and all areas will have a chance at the fellowship and inspiration which camp offers.

FAMILY CAMPS
JULY 24-AUGUST 14

With an appeal for every member of the family, our three Family Camps offer a wonderful vacation experience (with no cooking for mom!) plus all the fun and inspiration of campfires, informal vespers, sports available but not mandatory.

Family Camp No. 1, directed by Rev. Henry Warber, will have Rev. W. Edgar Gregory of San Francisco, and Rev. Reuben Huenemann of Lodi as leaders of the morning sessions. Rev. and Mrs. Hendrik Martynse of Loomis will head the children's program which parallels the adult sessions in the morning hours.

Family No. 2 will be directed by Rev. James Woodruff of First Church of San Francisco. Mrs. Woodruff will lead the discussions on Family Life, and Miss Patty Lee Coghill of New York is expected as guest leader.

Family No. 3, with Rev. Ralph Conard of Alameda as director, will have Dr. Edith Bryan of Berkeley as leader of the family living discussions which have endeared her to the hearts of our family campers for the last three years. Mrs. Elsie Parks is serving as camp nurse (every camp will have a nurse on its staff).

One layman says this: "The people one meets are REAL, the camp personnel are considerate of campers of all ages. The little jobs that are assigned to each person become fun, and that old and overworked word, "cooperation," takes on its proper meaning. . . . Even the cost for the week is a thrill: nowhere else can one get **more** than his money's worth today!" (Adults and youth, $16; children under 12—at family camp only —$11.)

Our genial Cazadero host, Cecil ("Pappy") Lawrence, is getting everything in readiness for a good season. Groceries have been bought, menus planned, camp crew members lined up, and scores of details cared for.

There are still things to do, and some of us can help in the **Memorial Day Work Camp, May 29-31.** Anyone interested may get details from Mr. Lawrence, Star Route 60, Cazadero.

STUDENT CAMP
JUNE 19-26

We are expecting the largest student camp ever, in 1948. All college age young people are welcome, whether working or in college; this includes those just graduated from high school.

While the faculty is not complete, it is well on its way with Rev. G. A. Casaday as director. Rev. Terence Stoker of Reno, Rev. James Miller of Davis (both full time student workers), and Rev. Robert Meyners of the Fellowship Church of San Francisco, have accepted faculty appointments. Seminars are planned with student chairmen, the faculty members acting as resource leaders.

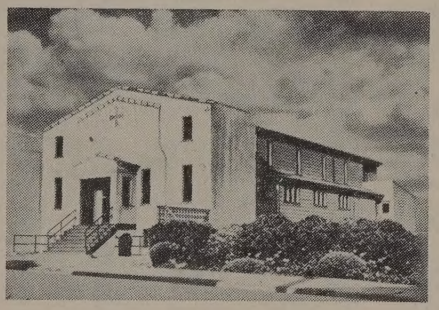
SAN JOAQUIN AT HUNTINGTON LAKE

High School campers of the San Joaquin area, who feel that Cazadero is too far for sending large delegations, have a fine camp line-up at Huntington Lake. All pastors of the area have been in on making the plans, and most of them will serve on the faculty. Information, in a separate camp leaflet, is available from the Director, Dr. Clayton Gill, 220 W. Tulare St., Tulare. The dates are June 13-19.

"FOR THE FACING OF THIS HOUR"

All summer camps, through all their activties, seek to build loyalty and to channel creative energies toward the practical tasks of leadership in the Church. Escape from the noise and bustle of life to the mountain top experience gives cleared vision and greater courage "For the facing of this Hour."

"For the Facing of This Hour"



NEW S. F., CALVARY CHURCH DEDICATED

The Pacific would like to present a larger picture of the New Calvary Armenian Church on 38th Avenue in the Sunset district of San Francisco. It was originally built as a Roman Catholic church, later occupied by the Southern Baptists. It was purchased by our church a little less than a year ago and has been occupied for a number of weeks, but it was dedicated on Sunday, May 2, as the closing service of the California Armenian Evangelical Association Convention. It has a good sized and attractive sanctuary, a well equipped kitchen and large dining room, a social hall and various small rooms. The financing of it is in excellent condition. It was a most happy occasion for this church, which until now has never had a church home through the twenty-two years of its history.

CALENDAR

June 14-19 — National Assembly of the Congregational Student Fellowship, Oberlin, Ohio.

June 17-24 — General Council, Oberlin, Ohio.

June 25-30—National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship, Defiance, Ohio.

August 6-11 — M.E.M. Conference, Asilomar.

October 22, 23, 24 — State Conference, San Mateo.

Dates and directors for our thirteen summer camps are as follows:

San Joaquin Area P. F.....June 13-19
At Huntington Lake (all others at Cazadero)
Rev. Clayton H. Gill
220 W. Tulare St., Tulare

Central Area P. F.....June 12-19
Rev. Mary McKee Chester
651 Fulton, Sacramento 14

College Age.....June 19-26
Rev. G. A. Casaday
311 Castilleja, Palo Alto

East Bay Area P. F.....June 26-July 3
Rev. R. C. Norberg
1471 Bridge St., Hayward

Redwood-Upper Bay P. F.....July 3-10
Rev. James P. Senter
1102 M St., Eureka

West Bay Area P. F.....July 10-17
Rev. Benton S. Gaskell
225 Tilton Ave., San Mateo

Junior Camp.....July 17-24
Mrs Weldon Batty
16 Fay Ave., San Carlos

Family Camp No. 1.....July 24-31
Rev. Henry Warber
490 Mastick, San Bruno

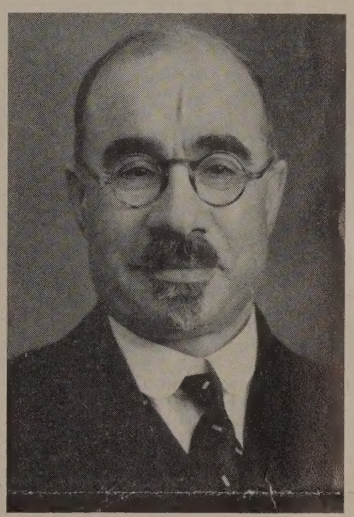
Family Camp No. 2.....July 31-Aug. 7
Rev. J. H. Woodruff
530-18th Ave., San Francisco 21

Family Camp No. 3.....August 7-14
Rev. Ralph V. Conard
Box 372, Alameda

Junior High Camp No. 1....Aug. 14-21
Rev. George Tolson
206 E St., Santa Rosa

Junior High Camp No. 2....Aug. 21-28
Rev. Terence Stoker
1212 B St., Sparks, Nevada

State P. F. Camp.....Aug. 28-Sept. 4
Rev. E. V. Haynes
2138 Cedar, Berkeley 7



Rev. H. A. Kartozian, who was the organizer and first pastor of the Calvary Armenian Church in San Francisco and then returned after a period of some years in Detroit to be pastor at the time of securing the new building. The financing of it was largely cared for by Mr. Kartozian's faithful labors.

Christian World Mission

In order to plan the strategy for our Church World Mission for next fall and winter, a retreat has been held at Cazadero this past week.

Our state Conference is being divided into 16 areas to permit us to contact every individual church. The Cazadero retreat was made up of representatives from each of these areas, where meetings will be held next September, which will lead up to an increased emphasis on stewardship in preparation for the 1948 Every Member Canvass.

Rev. Sidney Buckham will be corresponding with the churches about the plans for these fall meetings growing out of the retreat.

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IMPORTANT LETTER

The Board of Directors of our Conference, meeting on April 13, faced the fact that our Superintendent has carried the tremendous load of work and responsibility which we have placed upon him continuously for eighteen long years. The only really extended leave he has had came in 1937 when he attended the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences—not exactly a rest. After an executive session at this meeting, your Board prevailed upon Dr. Gill to accept a leave of four months, with full salary, to begin following the Oberlin meeting of the General Council.

I need not say that Dr. Gill acceded to this suggestion with some reluctance. His heart is too much with the welfare of the Conference to admit an easy acceptance. Nor can we allow the impression that his vigor is impaired or his health in danger. The Board's desire is to forestall such impairment in order to insure his being able to remain on duty with us until the full age of compulsory retirement is reached.

Meanwhile the plan is to place on Mr. Buckham the responsibility for the Conference executive procedures. Between him and Mr. Meyer, and the office staff, the Conference affairs will be carried on with as little break as possible.

—Fred R. Morrow.

85% Vote for Merger

The Pacific has reported the votes of 49 churches on the Resolution for union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church. We now report the votes of 24 additional churches. The totals for Northern California for the 73 churches reporting now stand at 66 churches voting in the affirmative and 7 in the negative, 3324 members voting in the affirmative and 672 in the negative.

	Approving	Disapproving
Auburn	36	2
Berkeley, Arlington	24	0
Biola	0	42
Cedarville	24	0
Eagleville	43	0
Etna	2	20
Fresno, Pilgrim	53	11
Fresno, Zion	48	12
Loomis	34	1
Martinez	123	4
Oakland, Fruitvale	45	4
Oakland, New Pilgrim	50	13
Oroville	51	5
Paradise	61	0
Parlier	15	0
Port Chicago	18	0
Redwood City	59	38
San Francisco, Ocean View	24	2
Sanger	13	9
Santa Cruz	141	2
Saratoga	24	0
Sonoma	18	0
Soquel	22	2
Woodside	34	2

The voting by Associations has been conducted during the last few weeks, with the following results:

	Approving	Disapproving
Bay Association	56	2
Central	19	13
German Conference	24	9
Redwood Empire	25	6
Sacramento Valley	25	0
San Joaquin Valley	52	0
Santa Clara Valley	32	5
Upper Bay	18	0

LINDSAY TO PILGRIM

New Pilgrim Church of Oakland has recently voted to call as its pastor Mr. George Lindsay, who is just graduating from Pacific School of Religion.

A native Washingtonian, Mr. Lindsay attended Linfield College and U. of Washington. While studying in Berkeley, he has served as assistant in youth work at Piedmont Community Church, and during the past year has been pastor of our Church in Cloverdale.

During their search for a new pastor, the Pilgrim folks have been faithfully served by Rev. Thomas Watt, a member of Pilgrim Church.

For World Needs

Let us remind ourselves of the opportunity in the month of May:

1. A letter has already gone to all the ministers from Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher of the Missions Council enclosing a pamphlet—"P E P —Third and Last Year!" Order them now! Do it today! Distribute them to every family in the parish.
2. Prepare for a Memorial Day appeal now. A letter from Dr. Douglas Horton, Minister of our General Council, will reach you soon with samples of additional literature. A second pamphlet is entitled "What Will You Give Up In Order to Give for World Need?" Order immediately from Mrs. E. T. Willson, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

We rejoice that the European Relief Program has been approved by Congress and will be soon operating effectively. This is a government undertaking. Our job as Christian Churches is to continue the work of spiritual reconstruction of the church life in wide areas in both Europe and Asia. Your Postwar Emergency Program offers an effective and efficient channel for our Congregational Christian Churches.

Kirkbride Ordained

Rev. Donald Leonard Kirkbride, pastor of the Niles Congregational Church, was ordained by an ecclesiastical council held at Niles on Tuesday, April 6.

Supt. Harley H. Gill officiated in the act of ordination, with Dr. Hugh Vernon White giving the ordaining prayer and Dr. Alfred G. Fisk of San Francisco State College the ordination sermon. The charge to the candidate came from Rev. Ralph V. Conard, and the charge to the people from Rev. Richard Norberg. Mr. Kirkbride is a graduate of Redlands University and the Pacific School of Religion. He served for one year as student assistant at Berkeley, First, and as pastor of a small church in Washington state during one summer. He was pastor at Pescadero during his final year at Pacific School, and since May 1, 1947, has been pastor at Niles.

LET'S GET GOING!

April was almost a disastrous month. At the end of March our regular benevolence giving was not too far below that of a year ago, but according to the figures that follow, at the end of April, the loss is more than $3,000 for the first four months of the year. The gifts to C.W.V.R. due to the special appeal during Lent bring the figures not too far from what they were a year ago. The Conference board in April adopted a budget for the new fiscal year requiring several thousand dollars more than that of a year ago and the needs of the national boards are very great. It is a time for earnest loyalty and for careful attention on the part of our churches and their officers.

	Jan. 11 to April 30, '47	Jan. 11 to April 30, '48	C.W.V.R. 1948
Adin	$ 11.75		
Alameda	623.65	301.07	81.69
Alturas	23.77	72.46	12.50
Angels Camp	50.00	50.00	64.35
Antioch	57.14	93.13	20.00
Auburn	67.45	108.75	48.75
Benicia	89.50	52.00	
Berkeley			
Arlington	21.48	61.94	73.53
First	3816.07	3366.03	3344.47
North	229.75	287.90	138.80
Northbrae	375.60		
South Community	184.70	144.42	195.81
Campbell		120.00	20.00
Cedarville	33.75		
Cloverdale	16.31	52.67	
Cotati	30.00	43.25	25.00
Crockett	43.53	28.60	
Elk Grove	19.00	14.25	14.25
Etna	6.90	2.50	37.45
Dinuba		.66	
Eureka	309.94	165.33	169.52
Fairfax	5.05	37.50	
Ferndale	82.70	76.05	256.26
Fresno			
First	365.00	350.00	715.50
Japanese	25.00	25.00	
Glen Ellen	50.00	50.00	8.00
Guerneville	14.15		
Hayward			300.00
Kenwood	17.31	14.18	10.00
Lodi			
Ebenezer			114.00
First	1705.98	1432.00	200.00
Loomis	100.00	100.00	2.50
Martinez	160.40	546.74	313.92
Murphys	100.00	100.00	
Niles		50.00	23.65
Oakland			
First	2263.63	1760.00	1027.60
Fruitvale	15.00	72.40	
Japanese		80.00	24.24
Pilgrim	23.34	46.00	46.00
Plymouth	430.72	530.69	394.55
Orinda	288.79	216.74	180.07
Oroville	374.30	373.10	137.33
Pacific Grove	119.10	100.00	
Palo Alto	1500.00	500.00	495.25
Paradise	272.00	350.00	19.84
Parlier	10.00	20.00	
Penngrove	41.87	23.68	
Pescadero	20.00	10.00	
Petaluma	300.00	235.00	
Pittsburg	93.98	82.85	55.15
Port Chicago	25.00	53.52	5.40
Porterville	565.80	600.00	400.00
Redwood City	760.59	423.56	227.73
Reedley	15.00	15.00	
Rio Vista	85.00	50.00	
Ripon	66.75	86.19	16.66
Sacramento			
First	507.50	690.00	1000.00
Sierra Arden			1.00
Salida	52.00	40.10	
San Carlos	180.00	200.00	127.50
San Francisco			
Bethany Msn. Park	84.10	60.90	18.25
Calvary	30.00		
First	396.89	189.38	15.37
Ocean View	50.00	50.00	49.00
Park Presidio	129.07	154.97	
Sanger	11.04		71.71
San Jose	420.00	420.00	350.00
San Leandro	31.36	30.50	
San Mateo	30.00	500.00	1812.67
San Rafael	66.00	10.00	
Santa Cruz	310.00	85.00	
Santa Rosa	78.95	78.00	
Saratoga	205.55	289.81	29.53
Sebastopol	131.41	150.22	61.97
Sonoma	49.66	60.55	
Soquel	88.00	90.55	
Stockton	407.27	318.95	311.06
Suisun	68.48	50.00	80.00
Sunnyvale		37.57	10.00
Tulare	254.58	270.00	
Weaverville	50.00	50.00	
Woodside	11.50	11.50	51.69
Reno, Nevada	204.28	257.14	20.00
Miscellaneous	2240.36	1421.58	61.97
	$21,994.75	$18,891.88	$13,291.49

MORE NEWS OF CAZADERO CAMP PLANS

CAZADERO HIGH SCHOOL AREA CAMPS

Central Area, June 12-19, is under the able direction of Rev. Mrs. Mary Chester. Each morning will begin with a forum with two leaders speaking informally on "Why I am a Christian." Question groups on personal problems and everyday religion will follow this. Featured in this and other Area Camps in 1948 will be the **Pilgrim Fellowship Clinic,** to develop leadership in the work of our own churches, with a panel of leaders to prescribe for specific "cases" brought before the whole camp.

Eastbay Area, June 26-July 3, will again have Rev. Richard Norberg as director. Leaders include Dr. David Devanandan of India, Rev. J. C. Mickle of South Berkeley, Rev. Don Kirkbride, Mrs. Clifford Poe.

Redwood-Upperbay Area, July 3-10 joins youth of the two Associations under leadership of Rev. James P. Senter of Eureka. Special visitor at this camp only will be Ed Hawley, former national president of Pilgrim Fellowship, and recently a CWVR worker in England.

Westbay Area Camp, July 10-17, is led by Rev. Benton Gaskell as Director. Leaders and courses were selected at a recent planning committee meeting of 20 youth and advisors. Mrs. Grace Bielar will be Dean of Girls. Rev. Weldon Batty, Rev. Robert Carlson, Mrs. Peggy Caldwell, and Mrs. Eva Maxwell will share the responsibilities. Courses will include Basic Christian Beliefs, The Book of Mark, an Old Testament course, Boy-Girl relationships, Missions, and Pilgrim Fellowship leadership.

STATE PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 4

Committees began their work at Midwinter Conference, to plan with Director Eugene Haynes for the tradition of a top-notch program during this week when leaders of all our P.F. groups are together for a glorious week of hard work, rare fellowship and inspiration. The State Cabinet, newly elected area officers, two duly elected delegates from each group (plus one delegate for each additional ten members over first twenty) will make up this camp along with a carefully chosen faculty including Miss Patty Lee Coghill of the Missions Council, Miss Catherine Cambessedes of France, Mr. Claude Ward, Rev. Elmo Wolfe, and Rev. Wim Meyer of the Conference Staff.

JUNIOR, JUNIOR HIGH CAMPS

Two Junior High camps are planned in August. In both, the program will center around organizing the camp into a church.

Junior High No. 1, for Westbay, Redwood, and Upperbay areas, will have Mr. Ted Gustafson and Mr. Frank McDowell as leaders, with Rev. George Tolson of Santa Rosa as Director. Plans were made at a recent Junior High Rally in Fairfax. **Junior High No. 2,** August 21-28, is for Central, Eastbay, and San Joaquin areas. Rev. Terence Stoker of Reno will be the Director.

Juniors (10 and 11 years olds) will attend camp July 17 to 24. The program will be informal, with plenty of counselors. The theme will be on Prayer, studied in the form of prayer-hymns, prayer notebooks, prayer pictures, and other interesting ways. Mrs. Weldon Batty is the Director.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

PENNGROVE. Ten members were received at Easter and ten more will soon be coming. Members of the church have completely redecorated the interior of the building, walls, floors and pews having received a new coat of paint. A new altar and candelabrum with beautiful reredos before which a cross is suspended have been added. Dedication services were held on Sunday evening, April 18, with Rev. Herbert C. Gans preaching the sermon and the pastor, Rev. Laude Hays, leading in the service of dedication.

SAN LORENZO. The Volunteer Labor Battalion has been organized into the following groups: Carpenters, Painters, Plumbers, Sheetmetal Workers, Steamfitters, with a member of the Building Committee at the head of each. Landscaping has been thoroughly planned, the different groups responsible for the different projects, each one having a definite program of preparation and planting. Mr. Sidney Nichols will have complete supervisory capacity over all work done and to be done. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. A seminar in counseling for ministers and their wives is being held in the church on Tuesday evenings throughout May. Mrs. Donald Hsueh, whose husband is president of Foochow College, China, spoke at the Devotional Life service. She, herself a well known educator and dynamic speaker, made a plea for help for China. The Fellowship Club, building good citizenship, has been having a series of talks on "Know your city government" given by the city officials.

FAIRFAX. On April 25 the church celebrated its Silver Anniversary with services in the evening, which were very well attended. Special messages were given by the pastor, Mr. Frank K. McDowell, Rev. Herbert Booth Smith, Jr. of San Anselmo for the community, and Supt. Harley H. Gill for the Congregational fellowship. Refreshments were served in the social rooms at the close. There was a fine spirit of hopefulness and increasing strength evident.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Construction is well under way on the chapel, which will be available for Plymouth House and for all the church. The chancel remodeling and the renovating of several church school rooms are in process. Dr. Loper will be one of the faculty members at the University's Institute of Family Life during the summer session. Plymouth House put on the Sunday evening radio service, with Plymouth House choir singing, as part of the observance of Religious Emphasis week at U. C.

MARTINEZ. A "Town Hall" program is a new feature in this church. The first one was on "Housing" and the second on the "Taft-Hartley Law." Splendid interest has been manifested. The church was recently host to a Vacation School institute for churches of the area.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. A large and well trained junior choir assists frequently. A boys' club has been formed, meeting Saturday afternoons, which has created a great deal of interest.

WEAVERVILLE. A series of homemade recordings of Bible stories has just been finished by the extra session activity group in the Church School. Pilgrim Series classbooks for Low Juniors was the basis for the stories of Abraham. The children discussed the stories and supplied some of the conversation, then the parts were assigned and recorded after further rehearsal. Rev. William F. Keeney is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The first copy of "The Builder" has been issued as a quarterly bulletin for the expansion plans of the Ocean View Community Church. The plans of each of the church organizations are outlined.

OROVILLE. A new carpet has been purchased, new social rooms have been provided in the basement, and new heating units installed. The church was host on May 1 to the Pilgrim Fellowship spring rally.

RIO VISTA. The Sunday School is growing. The social hall has been refinished, the kitchen enlarged, and the downstairs remodeled. The total cost of redoing the building will exceed $43,000.

GLEN ELLEN. Thirty-one members have been received since the beginning of the year. An enlarged budget has been provided for a community program.

RIPON. Nineteen new members were received at Easter.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. The Community Center of the church celebrated its fourth anniversary with a public meeting, which was attended by an overflow crowd. During the four years there have been varied activities for youth and adults. More than 700 group meetings have been held in the Center this year, with a total of 11,500 persons participating. The Center has sponsored Brownie and Intermediate Girls' Scout troops, Boy and Cub Scout troops, a Y-Teen Age group, ballet classes, Christmas and Hallowe'en parties. There have been playnight, supervised recreation, and parent-child teas for youth. Adults have engaged in knitting, millinery, crocheting, and rug making, and public speaking and personality classes have been held. Mrs. M. C. Claiborne has been the volunteer director of the Center during its four-year history. The list of others who work with Mr. Mickle and Dr. Gallagher in this significant program is too long to be printed.

COTATI. Four members have been received by reaffirmation. There is a high school church, well attended. The Sunday School now has over 100 enrolled.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. The "ETC." presents the church news to the accompaniment of humorous cartoons and indicates active work in all organizations of the church.

AUBURN. A new furnace has been installed and additional Sunday School rooms provided. The parsonage has been reroofed.

HAYWARD. A total of $575 was raised during Lent for benevolent causes. Various organizations in the church are purchasing additional equipment including small chairs for the Sunday School, metal folding chairs, and new tables. A second young couples' group is being formed. There will be sixty young married couples in the two fellowship groups. Plans are being made to convert a room in the 80-year-old church building into a memorial room, in which will be placed mementos and historical objects. Professor Fred Johnson, whose birthday coincides with the church's, is chairman of the committee preparing the room to be dedicated late in May. Twenty-five young people with representatives from neighboring Pilgrim Fellowship groups attended Cazadero over the April 25th weekend. The church continues to have two identical morning services each Sunday. The enrollment of the Church School is now over 200. An Every Member Visitation is being made during the month of May, in which each member of the church is called on by another member. The minister's sermons are being recorded each Sunday morning and taken to shut-ins during the ensuing week by members of the Board of Deacons.

BENICIA. The church is electing a lay minister, who will serve in the church pulpit on occasion, particularly on Conference Sunday. A committee to call on newlyweds has been set up, another to call on young mothers, and one to call on people who have been bereaved. These committees are carefully selected in order to bring real help and guidance.

DIXON, COMMUNITY. Over 350 attended the Easter services, with twelve members received during Lent and twelve more on Easter. Rev. Mary McKee Chester of Sierra-Arden was the speaker on Good Friday. The Community Church pastor, Rev. Everett L. Spuller, is a Congregational minister.

CAMPBELL. Seventeen new members have been recently received into the church. A young married couples' group is being formed. New tables were purchased by the Women's Guild. The missionary group of the church has pledged $100 for Mr. Lorbeer's work in India.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Rev. James H. Woodruff has been leading a special series of Thursday evening meetings on the Teachings of Jesus. Recent preachers have been Dr. Ronald Bridges, Rev. John Rahill, Rev. James Gordon Gilkey, Jr., and Rev. M. J. Minkler.

SAN MATEO. The Lenten offering for CWVR totaled $1784.67. A student group now meets on Sunday evening along with the High School and Junior High groups. Dr. Harry Rathbun and a group of "student concerned" are guests at the May Town Meeting of the church.

(Prayer offered by Superintendent Harley H. Gill at the opening session of the American College of Physicians in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, April 19, 1948.)

Oh, God, Thou Father of all men that on this earth do dwell, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee.

We do not ask that Thou wouldst draw near to us, for Thou art always near. We do not ask Thy guidance for Thou art always ready to guide. We do not ask that Thou wouldst do our will, for Thy will is perfect. Rather do we pray that we may draw near to Thee, that we may be willing to follow Thy guidance, that we may be eager to do Thy will.

We pray for that humbleness of mind which shall enable us more fully to learn Thy laws—the intricate pattern of orderliness which we call science, but which is Thy way of working. And we pray for the insights into new truth and sense of responsibility to our better selves and to our fellow men that we may rightly use that which we have learned.

We remember with deepest concern Thy many children who suffer from cold, hunger, disease, disappointment, despair, inhumanity, and tyranny. We humbly acknowledge our sins and shortcomings which may have contributed to the ills of this our day, or have permitted them to exist without our voice of protest.

We thank Thee for all who seek to bind up wounds, to alleviate suffering, and to magnify the highest values of life. May these days together bring clearer vision, added understanding, increased skill, and higher dedication that Thy servants may truly minister in the Spirit of Him who has been called The Great Physician. Amen.

PETALUMA. Central heating has been provided in the parsonage. The Sunday School has increased 40 percent. Miss Florence Malcolm of West Africa was the pulpit guest on Sunday morning, April 25, while the pastor, Rev. Herbert C. Gans, was attending a meeting in Chicago sponsored by the national Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life.

PORT CHICAGO. The cement walk in front of the parsonage has been completed, linoleum has been laid in the church kitchen, and an extra room has been fitted up for the kindergarten. A missionary offering is received once a month.

LOOMIS. This church will have two billboards, one at each end of town, directing people to church. Lovely new drapes have been installed. The organ was dedicated May 2. There is a recreation hour in the church basement every Saturday night, which draws a good many that have no other connection with the church.

PITTSBURG. The church has a new choir, for which new robes have been furnished. Sunday School facilities are inadequate and a committee has been appointed to investigate what can and should be done to provide more room.

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WOMEN WIDEN THEIR HORIZONS

by Mrs. Ralph D. Hyslop

The Martinez church was crowded, despite the pouring rain, for the Spring Meeting of the Federation on April 16. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, the minister of the church, opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. James McLaren brought greetings from the Martinez women, who were most gracious in their hospitality.

The theme for the meeting was "Widening Boundaries," and our horizons were extended indeed.

Atlantic Horizon. "The American Board Looks at Africa" was the address given by Dr. John A. Reuling. He forcefully brought to our attention the importance of Africa from both the economic and missionary standpoint. The tackling of problems abroad is just as important as working on those at home, for missions are the defense of our own people. An article from the Christian Science Monitor presented Africa as essential to civilization because "it is the only remaining hinterland with resources," like uranium, and "whoever has Africa can control the world." It is a vast storehouse and market, with 160 million population which has been despoiled for centuries by slavery and invasion. They are the only people not self-determining, but there has been a recent awakening and with some feeling of resentment toward the western world. They listen to two voices. One is that of Russia telling them to rise up and drive out the white man. But more important, there is the Christian voice. One out of 25 are communicant Christians, and we must be grateful for the steadfastness of these Christians. Their young people are getting restless, and they need leaders, teachers, pastors. They are able and willing to support them, and we must supply them.

Home Horizon. "We Want a Church" was the message brought to us by Mrs. Mulholland from the new Oak Park Church, Sacramento. The Women's Association has just been organized there, and she told of the growth of the church from an evening meeting of a few people in her home to a good sized morning congregation and Sunday School. Now the need for a building is very great as a place of worship and training for Christian vocation and as a meeting and recreation center for young people.

Pacific Horizon. During the luncheon hour, Mrs. Donald Hsueh, who has been in many of our churches, spoke briefly on Youth and Education, giving us a little of her personal history. Missionaries have turned thousands from darkness to light and "I am one," she said. She and her husband tried to decide how to make their lives do most for Christ and their people. They decided training young people was most important, and in a secondary school, where Christian teaching is the most lasting, at Foochow they try to train boys in good habits. Success is evident in the large numbers of graduates who become ministers, volunteer pastors, teachers, and important public officers. Mrs. Hsueh wishes that there were scholarships for her boys in U. S. schools to prepare new teachers which are so much needed. She hopes that America and China will grasp hands across the Pacific and pledge continued friendship. At the conclusion of her talk, Mrs. Hsueh was presented with an afghan by Mrs. David H. Gill from the Sacramento church. She said that no one had ever impressed their women more than Mrs. Hsueh.

Youth Horizon. In the afternoon, Mrs. Robert Hughes, our Young People's Secretary, reported on the camps at Cazadero. Work projects are an important part of the life there and time is set aside for it each day at all the camps. Last year they helped build the new road and bridge. Group and inter-racial living are widening the boundaries of those who go to a Cazadero camp. Can you help in this program by supplying any of the following: soup and cereal bowls, cutlery, dish towels, jams and jellies, cups.

Horizons of Community Life. Mr. J. Roger Deas of the National Conference of Christians and Jews spoke to us on our responsibility for peace —the greatest responsibility any nation has ever had. In order to make peace succeed we need, in the first place, courageous leadership, such as the man in Detroit who by tactful school and community work produced a year without race riots. In the second place, we must have cooperation of all groups within the community. In San Francisco, for instance, a master plan for recreation of youth, produced by all interested groups, brought forth the money to finance it, where previously the recreation bond issue had been voted down 19 times. And, lastly, we need dedication to something beyond our own selfish needs. People like ourselves and our young people are the ones to do these things, and they must be done now.

Spiritual Horizon. Miss Agnes Robb brought the following books to our special attention: "Report from China," a mission study brochure; "God in the Desert"—Paul Osumi, devotions for individuals and groups; "At the Desk Next to Mine," 10 study programs for employed women's groups in your church; "On Our Own Doorstep"—Frank S. Mead, an introduction to problems of the hour in Alaska, Puerto Rico, Hawaii against a background of Christian concern; "These Things I Command You," race relations packet.

From our President, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, there were two announcements of especial interest. One was that Morning Star VI has safely arrived at her destination amid great rejoicing. The other was the success of the Spring Session held at Cazadero for the leaders of Associations. Thirty-five were present and they all hoped that it would become an annual affair, as it was felt to be a great help to the Associations, and, through them, the Federation.

ASILOMAR M.E.M. IN AUGUST

Asilomar will again be the spot for the Missionary Education Movement Conference, August 6 to 11. Outstanding leadership includes Miss Pattie Lee Coghill of our Missions Council staff, Dr. Hugh Vernon White of Pacific School of Religion, and Dr. Willis C. Lamott, author of this year's mission study text.

The mission study themes for 1948-49 are China and America's Geographical Frontiers, including Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands.

Asilomar Conference registration blanks and further information may be secured from Mrs. R. W. Blosser, 222 Moncada Way, San Francisco 12.

FOREIGN FRUIT PROJECT

The young people at Midwinter Conference of Pilgrim Fellowship passed just one resolution: "To investigate possibilities to pick and process surplus fruit for foreign relief." Since December numbers of young people have been asking and corresponding about this simple yet significant proposal.

Promise of help has been received from the Congregational Christian Service Committee in New York. Church World Service has promised to arrange for transportation and overseas distribution of any fruit that is so donated. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Woodruff are serving as directors of the project and plans are going forward for a work camp in the San Joaquin Valley for the month of August.

Farmers will be asked to donate only such fruit as would normally be going to waste or would be considered a surplus on the market. Such fruit would be picked (or picked up) by young volunteers either through the work camp or through young people working on their spare time in other areas.

If the way opens, a significant amount of fruit may be sent abroad, and with no one losing and everyone gaining. Inquiries or offers of help should be directed to Ray Woodruff, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

Plan Vacation Church Schools

Twenty-four Vacation Church School institutes, sponsored by the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches, are included in the busy month of May. Vacation schools are increasingly looked upon as an important part of the summer program.

The one-day training sessions, designed to give practical help to new teachers as well as those with considerable experience, have been planned by a committee which is chaired by our Conference Christian Education Director. Dates for the end of May include May 24 and 25 in Oakland and May 26 in San Mateo. Details may be secured from Mr. Meyer's office.

Plymouth House, student center at Berkeley, is going into the last lap of an active semester filled with social activities, service projects, and thoughtful discussions. In March a very successful Inter-group Retreat was held at Cazadero with Northern Lights, South Berkeley Community Church, Piedmont Community Church, and Plymouth Congregational Church participating. Just completed is the Inter-group party planned jointly by students from South Berkeley Community Church, Wesley Foundation, Chinese Congregational Church, Berkeley Fellowship, and Plymouth House.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. The young people have been participating in Gospel Teams, visiting various churches in the San Joaquin Valley, and, interestingly enough, the parents have seen that the plan is so fruitful that they are using it to hold special meetings with visiting teams.

Mrs. Charles Mosure, whose address is 905 Silva Ave., Santa Rosa, and delegate from the Redwood Empire Association, would like to know if there are other delegates to the General Council with whom she might travel either by train or automobile.

WANT ADS

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CHRISTIAN FLAG, preferably about 5 x 8 feet, for Cazadero. Can be home-made. Details on request.

NURSES, R.N., or just plain N. Preferably female. Working conditions excellent (mountain scenery, friendly people). Salary . . . who brought that up? 39c reward for information leading to Cazadero. Apply Box PF, 2345 Channing, Berkeley.

CHURCH, New, Suburban. Modesto suburb desires urgently. Must act quickly or will be too little and too late. References: Stanley North. Reply: SHB, 101 Tamalpais, Berkeley.

COOK, volunteer, any week of summer. Must be over 25, or else under, be able to understand English, but need not speak it. Must like young people. (No dishwashing, no spud peeling, all expenses paid). Apply Star Route, Box 60, Cazadero.

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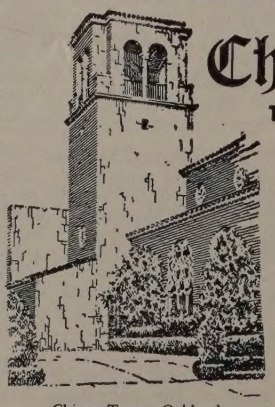

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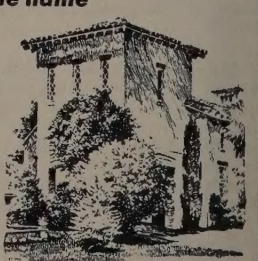

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